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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Michael N. Opsasnick

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 and 34-41 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 2-9 and 34-41 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 5/7/2001.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

2. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:

On pages 1-4 of the specification, the patent numbers for the referred to related applications are missing (on line 10 and 24). Please fill in the appropriate patent number.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

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4. Claims 2-9, 34-41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Manjunath et al (6691084).

As per claims 2,34, Manjunath et al (6691084) teaches a fixed rate speech compression system for processing a frame of a speech signal (as coding of speech, albeit at differing rates, but based on the classification of the frame, a fixed rate for that particular classification -- col. 1, lines 5-10) comprising:

“an encoder operable.....encoding” as encoding based upon initial parameter calculation and classification (Fig. 2.3)

“the common frame.....pitch preprocessing.....classification of the frame” as pitch encoding module (Fig. 7a), based on the determination of the frame (col. 15 lines 50-55), referring to the CELP mode (col. 16 lines 12-47).

“the encoder operable to select.....second part of the frame” as within a single frame, the frame divided into subframes (fig. 12), wherein the first part of the frame is based on a previous prototype residual (coded based upon that residual information – choosing from a plurality of modes), a second part subframe filled in by alignment and interpolation (the second choosing from a plurality of modes), and the last part of the frame containing the current prototype residual (the third choosing of a plurality of modes) – fig. 12, and col. 21 lines 15-65).

As per claims 3,36, Manjunath et al (6691084) teaches pitch time warping based on the strength of the signal (col. 22 line 15 – col. 23 line 35).

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As per claims 4,39, Manjunath et al (6691084) teaches time warping delay range less than or equal to an L of 80 (col. 22 lines 30-60)

As per claim 5, Manjunath et al (6691084) teaches sinc filters (col. 22 lines 35-38)

As per claims 6,40, Manjunath et al (6691084) teaches voiced, unvoiced, or transient (col. 5 lines 44-51).

As per claims 7,41, Manjunath et al (6691084) teaches voiced category (col. 5 lines 44-51)

As per claims 8,38, Manjunath et al (6691084) teaches background noise classification (col.2 lines 25-30)

As per claims 9,37, Manjunath et al (6691084) teaches pitch preprocessing with time delay (col. 16 lines 31-66) wherein these factors are based upon the previous frame parameters (col. 16 lines 65-66), wherein the previous frame can be the unvoiced category (col. 15 lines 44-57).

As per claim 35, Manjunath et al (6691084) teaches pitch correlator and information (Fig. 9a)

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Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Please see related art listed on the PTO-892 form.

6. Any response to this action should be mailed to:

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Opsasnick, telephone number (703)305-4089, who is available Tuesday-Thursday, 9am-4pm.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. Doris To, can be reached at (703)305-4827. The facsimile phone number for this group is (703)872-9306.

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